

# KENTUCKY BOARD OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

## Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2017

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was conducted on June 27, 2017 at the Department of Professional Licensing, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

### **Members Present**

Derek C. Drury, Board Chair  
October 1, 2018 – Certified Practicing Interpreter  
Amber Fox-Young, Board Secretary  
October 1, 2016 – Sign Language Interpreter  
Nina Coyer, Vice Chair  
October 1, 2017 – Certified Deaf Interpreter  
Kathy Spiro  
October 1, 2018 – Certified Practicing Interpreter  
Dorothy Kerr  
October 1, 2017 – Certified Practicing Interpreter  
Rachel Morgan  
October 1, 2019 – Certified Practicing Interpreter

### **Department of Professional Licensing**

Kayla Mann, Board Administrator  
Robin Vick, Board Administrator Section Supervisor  
David Trimble, DPL General Counsel

### **Interpreters**

Marva Johnson  
Tammy Cantrell

### **Members Absent**

Kevin P. Hamilton, Citizen at Large

### **Board Counsel**

Marcus Jones, Board Attorney

### **Guests**

Kenya McPheeters – Sorenson  
Rachel Rodgers - KDCHH  
Virginia Moore – KDCHH  
Bobby Brown – Applicant  
Amy Holt – OVR Interpreter  
Tanya Brown – Rauch  
Monica Romney-Big Picture  
Mentoring  
Ellen Scott  
Gideon Scott  
Hilary Riley – OVR Interpreter  
Gabriel Tunstall - Rauch

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Derek Drury, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

Dot Kerr made a motion to approve the March 8, 2017 and April 19, 2017 meeting minutes as written. Kathy Spiro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for March, April, and May 2017 were reviewed by the Board. No further action required,

Amber Fox Young made a motion to pay the invoice for CART for the LRC hearing. Nina Coyer seconded the motion, Motion carried.

### **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Derek Drury briefly introduced David Trimble to the board and asked that Mr. Trimble to tell about himself as the upcoming new counsel for the board. No further action required.

Derek and Marcus discussed the regulations filed and that they were accepted as written. No further action required.

Derek and Nina discussed the reorganization meeting with the secretary that they went to in April, explained some of the Secretary's reasons behind the reorganization. No further action required.

### **BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

Legal counsel discussed the postponement of the reorganization of the boards under the Department of Professional Licensing. The Attorney General's Office is asking to rescind their letters sent to end services with the board and now extend an offer to continuing working with the board by the board signing an MOA with the Attorney General's Office. The board will have until September 6, 2017, at which time if they choose to not accept the terms in the MOA, general counsel through the Department of Professional Licensing will step in to represent the board. Legal counsel made the board aware that even with the MOA in place, the board may be assigned new counsel.

Legal counsel discussed new regulation KRS 309.318 the board's disciplinary powers – reasons for sanctions. Changes concerning previous criminal convictions of applicants. There's only two ways the board may deny an applicant based on criminal history. The conviction has to relate to the profession. The new law going into place on June 30, 2017 eliminates the board's right to deny an applicant that reflects no good moral character. No further action required.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Ms. Spiro motioned to approve the reinstatement of Denise Flores as long as she completes the required CEU's in the next 6 months. Motion seconded by Ms. Kerr. Motioned carried.

The board discussed the temporary licensure reinstatement application for Bobby Brown. Dot Kerr recused herself from the discussion and all votes. Legal counsel's interpretation is the board can approve the application based on the new laws of family hardship that will be going into effect. Ms. Spiro motioned to approve the reinstatement application for Bobby Brown with the agreed order written by board counsel. Motion seconded by Ms. Coyer. Dot Kerr abstained from vote, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Coyer made a motion to delete KAR 39:040 Section 3(2) and change 201 KAR 30:040 Section 4(1) to say: "set forth in Section 1(3) or 2(2)" from [2(3)]. Motion seconded by Ms. Kerr. Motion carried.

EIPA regulation changes discussed by the board. Ms. Virginia Moore from KCDHH spoke on behalf of her reasoning for the written comments to amend the changes filed. Suggesting that any applicant with the EIPA 3.5-3.9 received prior to June 30, 2013 meet the same standards as people in Kentucky were held to. If they received the 3.5-3.9 EIPA after June 30, 2013 request the applicant follows the new track that all other applicants are having to follow. After discussion with the board, no changes were made to the current regulations filed. Once regulations are approved by LRC, the board will make good to update the regulations to include the revisions requested by KCDHH. The revision requests any applicant with 3.5-3.9 received prior to June 30, 2013 have to have 30 CEUs taken within two years of applying for licensure and pass the written exam administered by EIPA or RID to receive a license for interpreting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The board's interpretation of 201 KAR 39:090 is if a fully licensed interpreter logs 20 hours of CEUs for the 2017 renewal period, the licensee may be eligible for carry over hours upon identifying those during renewal. No further action required.

Ms. Kerr motioned to go into closed session to discuss KRS 61.810 (1) (F)(Discussion which might lead to the appointment or dismissal of an employee.)

Ms. Kerr motioned for the executive session to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Fox-Young. Motion carried.

Ms. Coyer motioned to accept Marcus Jones contract as board counsel for up to one year. Motion seconded by Ms. Spiro. Motion carried.

The board read and discussed the correspondence letter received from Dave Calvert. No further action required.

The board read and discussed correspondence from Constance Kelley. Legal counsel will draft a letter for Ms. Kelley. No further action required.

### **COMPLAINTS**

Complaints tabled until September meeting.

The following cases are ongoing:

- 1601
- 1602
- 1605
- 1607
- 1608
- 1609
- 1610

### **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL**

Ms. Fox-Young motioned to approve travel for eligible board members. Motion, seconded by Ms. Kerr, carried.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 6, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m. for the committee meetings. The board meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Ms. Coyer to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Motion, seconded by Ms. Fox-Young, carried.

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**Derek Drury, Board Chair**  
**Minutes Prepared by Kayla M. Mann, Board Administrator**